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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Patent Application of )  
Hisao HAYASHI et al. )  
Serial No. 09/772,986 ) Group Art Unit: 2811  
Filed: January 31, 2001 ) Ex'r: Thien F. Tran  
For: THIN FILM SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, DISPLAY )  
DEVICE USING SUCH THIN FILM SEMICONDUCTOR )  
DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR )

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF INVENTION REQUIREMENT IN PAPER

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

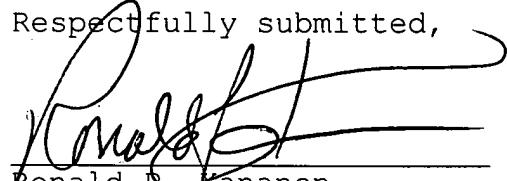
This is in full and timely response to the Official Action of February 20, 2002 (Paper No. 05), requiring an election of invention, for which a month was allotted for reply. The Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, hereby provisionally elects with traverse the invention of Group I, having claims 1 to 8, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 59.

Please hold the non-elected claims 9 to 12, drawn to a process for making a semiconductor device, apparently classified in class 438, subclass 22+, in abeyance pending the possibility of filing a divisional application as of right, or rejoinder under MPEP §821.04. To preserve that latter option, this election is respectfully made with traverse. In addition, the Examiner has not shown that a "serious burden" is involved in examining all 12 claims, notwithstanding their being product and process claims respectively.

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Early examination on the merits of the elected invention is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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